

Summary

Legal regulation of animal testing

The diploma thesis is analyzing current legislation in the field of animal experiments. It is formed by five chapters and each chapter is concerned with different aspects of animal protection, when focusing on experimental animals in particular. The first chapter is divided into three subchapters and it is successively describing development of animal experiments, progress of legislation dealing with animal protection and experimental animal protection on the international and European level, when analyzed is also Czech legislation in the last subchapter. Second chapter is focused on the basic legal sources and its legal foundation. It has four subchapters, when every subchapter explains relevant terms, which are being formulated in the experimental animal protection law. This chapter of the diploma thesis also involves sections dedicated to experiments and alternative methods of the experiments. Following chapter of the thesis (chapter nr. 3) describes legislation of the experimental animal protection and it is constituted by three subchapters, which are regarding ensuring expertness of the experiments, farming of and caring for the experimental animals and also approving, progress and finishing the process of the experiment. Every subchapter is then divided into sections specializing in stated topics. The next-to-last chapter focuses on offence/delinquency liability and it is divided into three subchapters. It is aimed to describe offences and administrative delinquency related to experimental animals and criminal liability of unjustified animal experiments. The last chapter of the thesis is concerning the authorities of animal protection and it is divided into three subchapters. The first subchapter is explaining a scope of authority of the involved authorities, which are carrying out a state administration in field of the animal protection against the cruelty to animals. Particular sections then analyze these authorities of the state administration with respect to their orientation and competences. The second subchapter clarifies activities of the Expert Commission for securing good living conditions of experimental animals. The following subchapter describes activities of non-state institutions and analyzes their contribution through a direct help to the animals, but also through the public education and appellate activity. The final part of the last chapter brings clarification of competences and activities of the European Coalition for animal experiments termination.